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SUMMARY: CONVEYED HEREIN IS MORE SALIENT OR INTERESTING INFORMATION OBTAINED BY EMBOFF IN SARAJEVO IN PURSUIT OF DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR "THOROUGH REPORTING" ON SUBJECT CONFERENCE. READERS WITH LIMITED INTEREST IN SUBJECT (WHICH WE REALIZE MAY BE ALL BUT A VERY FEW) MIGHT FOCUS ON PARAS ONE, TWO, THREE, ELEVEN AND FOURTEEN. COMMUNICATION OF U.S. VIEWS ON AND COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD NONALIGNED EFFORTS IN BROADCASTING FIELD (PER REF A) REPORTED SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. A FINNISH "GUEST" DELEGATE, ASKED WHETHER HE FELT THE MAJOR WESTERN BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS HAD CAUSE FOR CONCERN IN ANYTHING THAT HAD TRANSPRIRED AT THE SARAJEVO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONFERENCE, RESPONDED, "NO, NOT NOW. BUT IF I WERE PRESIDENT OF SUCH AN ORGANIZATION, I WOULD STUDY THESE (CONFERENCE) DOCUMENTS VERY CAREFULLY. MOST OF THE DELEGATES WERE NOT HIGHLY POLITICIZED, AT LEAST NOT YET. IN TWO OR THREE YEARS THINGS MAY BE DIFFERENT. THIS WAS, IN ESSENCE, JUST A BEGINNING." A SIMILAR THEME WAS ECHOED BY MOST OF THE PARTICIPANTS OR OBSERVERS WITH WHOM EMBOFF SPOKE, I.E., THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE NONALIGNED REPRESENTED IN SARAJEVO SOUGHT NEITHER TO CONFRONT, FOR THE SAKE OF CONFRONTATION, NOR TO EXCLUDE THE BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS OF THE DEVELOPED WORLD, NOR HAD THEY COME ENDLESSLY TO HARANGUE THE LATTER WITH CRIES FOR "MORE" OR RHETORICAL DENUNCiations OF CULTURAL-INFORMATIONAL IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, ETC. (THOUGH SARAJEVO MEETING, AS SEEMINGLY ALL NONALIGNED ASSEMBLIES, WAS NOT WITHOUT ITS SHARE OF POLEMICS.) RATHER, THE ATTITUDE OF MOST OF THE CONFEREES, AS WELL AS EMBOFF COULD OBSERVE, SEEMED TO REFLECT -THEIR UNDERSTANDABLE FRUSTRATION WITH THE LIMITED PRODUCTION AND BROADCASTING CAPABILITY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THEIR HAVING TO RELY HEAVILY ON THE OUTPUT OF THE DEVELOPED WORLD;
-- THEIR VAGUE COMMITMENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "NEW

INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION ORDER" ENCOMPASSING THE FIELD OF BROADCASTING, COUPLED WITH AN AWARENESS, HOWEVER, THAT PROSPECTS ARE BELAK FOR A SUBSTANTIAL NARROWING OF THE "NORTH/SOUTH COMMUNICATIONS GAP" IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE;

-- THEIR CONCENTRATION ON SPECIFIC, OFTEN RUDIMENTARY, AREAS OF BROADCASTING DEVELOPMENT (SUCH AS TRAINING OF TECHNICIANS) WHEREIN THEY FEEL MEASUREABLE PROGRESS MAY REALISTICALLY BE EXPECTED THROUGH A COORDINATION OF EFFORT AND GREATER ASSISTANCE FROM HE MORE DEVELOPED OF THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES.

THE FOREGOING IS NOT TO SUGGEST THAT LITTLE OR NOTHING WAS ASKED OF THE DEVELOPED WESTERN NATIONS AND BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS (DISCUSSED BELOW), BUT RATHER THAT THE FOCUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THIS MEETING WAS MORE ON "SELF-HELP", TO AN UNREALISTIC DEGREE, ACCORDING TO SOME DELEGATES.

2. APART FROM THE MERE CONVENING OF SUCH A CONFERENCE (IN ITSELF REPEATELDY CITED IN THE SPEECHES OF PARTICIPANTS AS A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT), THE MORE "CONCRETE" ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE MEETING INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

--THERE WAS ESTABLISHED A GEOGRAPHICALLY APPORTIONED, 19-MEMBER "COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATION" WHOSE TASK IT WILL BE, INTER ALIA, TO

"... ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING THE ACTION PROGRAMME AND OTHER DECISIONS ADOPTED AT EACH CONFERENCE ... (AND TO)

"... FOSTER CONTACTS AND COOPERATION AMONG BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS OF THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES WITH RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UN SYSTEM, SUCH AS UNESCO, ITU, UNDP, ETC., AS WELL AS WITH REGIONAL BROADCASTING UNIONS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS ..."

--SPECIFIC AREAS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION WERE FAIRLY CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AND, IN THE "ACTION PROGRAMME" ADOPTED, WERE GROUPED UNDER THE HEADINGS OF

I. "DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF NATIONAL BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS", (WHICH ADDRESSES, E.G., DISTRIBUTION OF THE RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM AND UTILIZATION OF "EXISTING SATELLITE SYSTEMS");

II. "ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS," (INCLUDING EFFORTS BY THE "COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATION" TO SECURE FROM "INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UN" NECESSARY ASSISTANCE FOR THE "LEAST DEVELOPED");

III. "TRAINING OF BROADCASTING CADRES," (INCLUDING STUDY OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"BETTER USE OF EXISTING CENTERS AND FACILITIES IN THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES" AND INVESTIGATION OF THE "POSSIBILITIES FOR SETTING UP JOINT TRAINING CENTERS FOR BROADCASTING CADRES... IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH ... RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS"); AND IV. "EXCHANGE OF RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMES" (INCLUDING A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE "SETTING UP OF REGIONAL CENTERS AND PROGRAMME BANKS OF RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMES OF NONALIGNED COUNTRIES, ... (WHICH) WOULD COLLECT RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMES, CATALOGUE THEM AND PERIODICALLY INFORM BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS IN NONALIGNED COUNTRIES ABOUT THE MATERIAL AVAILABLE.")

3. THE FOREGOING AND OTHER "DECISIONS" OF THE CONFERENCE ARE SPELLED OUT IN GREATER DETAIL IN THE DOCUMENTS ADOPTED, COPIES OF WHICH HAVE BEEN POUCED TO THE DEPARTMENT (IO/UNDP), THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN THOSE DOCUMENTS, HOWEVER, WILL PROBABLY BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS AND BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS:

--" THE PRESENT INEQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF BROADCASTING FREQUENCIES" -"THE COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATION WILL CONVENE IN MID-1978 (MAY-JUNE) A GROUP OF EXPERTS OF BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES ASSIGNING TO THEM THE TASK OF FORMULATING THEIR JOINT STAND AT THE WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ON RADIO COMMUNICATION TO BE HELD IN 1979. THE COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATION WILL CONSIDER, LIKEWISE, THE CONVENING, PRIOR TO THE ICCR CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR 1982, OF A SIMILAR MEETING TO ELABORATE THE JOINT STAND OF THE NONALIGNED ON UTILIZATION OF THE 12 GH BAND"; DISTRIBUTION OF BROADCASTING FREQUENCIES WAS THE SPECIFIC ISSUE MOST OFTEN CITED (WITHOUT EMBOFF'S ASKING) BY THE PARTICIPANTS WITH WHOM HE SPOKE AS THAT OVER WHICH CONFLICT, IF NOT CONFRONTATION, WITH THE BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS OF THE DEVELOPED WORLD IS MOST LIKELY;

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--" ACCESS (BY THE NONALIGNED) ON FAIR AND FAVORABLE TERMS UNIVERSALLY-ACCEPTED MOST RATIONAL AND ECONOMICAL ANSWER, IN THE LONG RUN, TO THE PROBLEMS OF BROADCASTING DEVELOPMENT"- "BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS OF THE NONALIGNED WILL EXPLORE THE UTILIZATION OF EXISTING SATELLITE SYSTEMS, IN PARTICULAR THE HIRING OF SATELLITE CHANNELS ON CERTAIN DAYS OR FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF HOURS DAILY WITH A VIEW TO

COMMENCING IMMEDIATE EXCHANGES OF RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMES AMONG THEMSELVES"; EMPHASIS ON SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY SEEMS IN PART A REFLECTION OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE CONFERENCE WAS DOMINATED BY THE BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS OF THE MORE DEVELOPED OF THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES, FOR WHOM ACCESS APPEARS SOMEWHAT INCONGRUOUS CITED AMONG THE RUDIMENTARY SELF-HELP EFFORTS AIMED AT ASSISTING THE "LEAST DEVELOPED"; -- THOUGH NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE DOCUMENTS, THERE WERE REPEATED REFERENCES IN PREA, DURING AND POST-CONFERENCE PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY THE DELEGATES TO THE NEED FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES TO CUT BACK ON THE IMPORTATION OF "WESTERN FILMS" FOR TELEVISION BROADCASTING AND TO EXPECTATIONS OF SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER ASSISTANCE TO THE BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS OF THE NONALIGNED BY UNESCO; REASONS GIVEN FOR THE FORMER INCLUDED NOT ONLY THAT SUCH FILMS ARE TOO HEAVILY WESTERN CULTURE LADEN, BUT THAT THEIR READY AVAILABILITY TENDS TO INHIBIT MORE COSTLY DOMESTIC FILM PRODUCTION; ALSO NOTED WAS FACT THAT, IN CONTANTLY EXPOSING THE PEOPLE OF THEIR COUNTRIES TO A WESTERN STANDARD OF LIVING WITH WHICH THEIR GOVERNMENTS WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THEM, THEY MAY BE INHERENTLY DESTABILIZING POLITICALLY; (NIGERIAN DELEGATE, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS GENERALLY OUTSPOKEN ON THE SUBJECT OF WESTERN FILMS AND JORDANIAN DELEGATE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THEIR POTENTIAL FOR POLITICAL DESTABILIZATION.)

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4. IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE HOW MUCH OF WHAT EMERGED IN THE "UNANIMOUSLY" ADOPTED DOCUMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE REPRESENTS THE CONSIDERED JUDGEMENT OR ENJOYS WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT OF EVEN MOST OF THE NONALIGNED BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED IN SARAJEVO. THIS IS THE CASE PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE VAST DISPARITY IN LEVELS OF BROADCASTING DEVELOPMENT AMONG THE NONALIGNED NATIONS THEMSELVES, THE FACT (ACCORDING TO SEVERAL OBSERVERS) THAT MANY OF THE DELEGATIONS DID NOT FEEL ADEQUATELY PREPARED FOR THE CONFERENCE AND THAT A FAIR NUMBER OF THE DELEGATES WERE REPORTEDLY A BIT LOST WHEN DISCUSSION SHIFTED FROM POLITICAL AND MORE GENERAL MATTERS TO TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

5. CONFERENCE WAS TO SOME EXTENT ANTICLIMATIC IN COMPARISON WITH THE EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS CARRIED OUT BY A SMALL WORKING GROUP DURING A SERIES OF SESSIONS COMMENCING EARLY THIS YEAR. FINAL PREPARATORY SESSION, HELD OCTOBER 24-26 IN SARAJEVO, WAS CHAIRED BY YUGOSLAVIA, WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUP (INDIA, PERU, TUNISIA, ALGERIA AND GHANA) JOINED BY WHATEVER DELEGATIONS HAD ARRIVED EARLY AND WISHED TO PARTICIPATE. THIS SESSION, WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE DEGENERATED INTO AN INFORMAL OPENING OF DEBATE ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

OF THE CONFERENCE, LASTED INTO THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF OCTOBER 17, PRODUCED NOT ONLY AN AGREED AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE, BUT ALSO FINAL WORKING DRAFTS OF THE THREE MAJOR DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CONFEREES.

ACCORDING TO AN INDONESIAN DELEGATE, EVEN THESE DRAFTS WERE THE RESULT OF NUMEROUS SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS, PRIMARILY OF THEIR MORE POLITICAL PORTIONS. AGREEMENT WAS ALSO REACHED DURING FINAL PREPARATORY SESSION ON SECRETARY GENERALSHIP AND PRESIDENCY OF THE CONFERENCE (THE FORMER GOING TO YUGOSLAV RTV EXECSEC ZLATKO SINOBAD, THE LATTER TO YUGOSLAV RTV EXEC BOARD VICEPRES FRANK VINTER) AND ON THE SIX VICE-PRESIDENTS, WHO, TOGETHER WITH VINTER FORMED THE COLLECTIVE PRESIDENCY OR "BUREAU" OF THE CONFERENCE. "CHOSEN" AS VICE-PRESIDENTS WERE THE HEADS OF DELEGATION OF INDIA, TUNISIA, PERU, CUBA, D.P.R.K.

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AND MOZAMBIQUE. AS THREE OR FOUR OBSERVERS OR PARTICIPANTS COMMENTED OF EMBOFF, SELECTION OF CUBA, AND PARTICULARLY D.P.R.K. AND MOZAMBIQUE, TO EVEN LARGELY HONORIFIC VICE-PRESIDENT POSITIONS CLEARLY REFLECTED A POLITICAL DECISION ON THE PART OF THE PREPARATORY WORKING GROUP, PERHAPS FORCED BY THE MORE RADICAL ELEMENTS IN THE MOVEMENT OR THOUGHT HELPFUL BY GROUP ITSELF TO MAINTAIN IDEOLOGICAL "BALANCE". IN ANY CASE, POLITICS AND IDEOLOGY APPEAR AGAIN TO HAVE PLAYED A ROLE IN THE SELECTION BY THE PREPARATORY WORKING GROUP OF PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR THE THREE CONFERENCE COMMISSIONS FORMED TO WORK ON THE THREE DRAFT DOCUMENTS:

--COMMISSION ONE, TASKED WITH REPORTING OUT A "DECLARATION", WAS CHAIRED BY CHIEF OF VIETNAMESE DELEGATION, WITH GYANESE AS HIS DEPUTY;
--COMMISSION TWO, WHICH DEALT WITH "PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR COOPERATION", WAS CHAIRED BY CHIEF ALGERIAN DELEGATE, WITH SRI LANKAN AS DEPUTY; AND
--COMMISSION THREE, CHARGED WITH FORMULATING "DECISIONS ON COORDINATION OF COOPERATION", WAS CHAIRED BY GHANAIAN REPRESENTATIVE, WITH PLO DELEGATION CHEIF AS HIS DEPUTY;
(YUGOSLAVS HAD SPARED NO EFFORT TO PUBLICIZE FACT THAT PLO WAS ATTENDING AS FULL MEMBER OF NAM AND "FULL PARTICIPANT".)

6 FOLLOWING OPENING CEREMONIES, FIRST DAY AND A HALF OF MEETING WAS GIVEN OVER TO PLENARY "DEBATE", IN WHICH ALL "FULL PARTICIPANT" DELEGATIONS AND OFFICIAL "OBSERVERS" WERE PERMITTED TO ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE. FORTY-TWO CHOSE TO DO SO, OF WHOM THE FOLLOWING MADE PUBLISHED REMARKS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST:

-VIETNAMESE- "A BROADCASTING SYSTEM IS A POWERFUL MEANS FOR THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM; IN THE COURSE OF OUR THIRTY-YEAR STRUGGLE, OUR RADIO VOICE OF THE REVOLUTION PLAYED AN ENORMOUS ROLE IN CONVEYING THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR STRUGGLE. DURING RECENT YEARS OUR STATION

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HAS ONLY INTERRUPTED TRANSMISSION OF ITS PROGRAM FOR NINE MINUTES AND THAT WAS DURING THE BOMBARDMENT OF HANOI";
--INDIAN- "OUR PROGRAMME EXCHANGE SERVICE PROVIDES FREE OF CHARGE AND COPY RIGHT (SIC) MATERIAL TO FOREIGN BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS, AND SOME 1200 PROGRAMMES HAVE IN FACT BEEN SENT TO SIXTY BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE NONALIGNED WORLD...WE ARE NOW ENGAGED IN INVESTIGATION LONG WAVE TRANSMISSION, WHICH SO FAR HAS BEEN DENIED TO ASIA BY THE WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE. A BREAKTHROUGH ON THIS ISSUE, FOR WHICH THE NONALIGNED BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS MUST COOPERATE AND CONSOLIDATE THEIR POSITION BEFORE THE 1979 CONFERENCE, WILL HAVE REVOLUTIONARY IMPLICATIONS FOR ALL OF US...TV (IN INDIA) IS DETERMINEDLY AND CONSCIOUSLY BEING USED AS A CATALYST FOR DEVELOPMENT AND NOT AS AN IDIOT-BOX ENTER-TAINER...WE HAVE A FULL-FLEDGED, EXCELLENTLY EQUIPPED TV TRAINING INSTITUTE OF INDIA..ITS DOORS ARE OPEN TO TV PROGRAMMERS AND TECHNICIANS OF THE NONALIGNED..AT PRESENT IT IS COMMON PRACTICE TO SEND TRAINEES TO BRITAIN, THE USA AND OTHER AFFLUENT COUNTRIES. SUCH TRAINING IS EXPENSIVE, IT IS TIED TO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY NOT AVAILABLE IN MANY OF OUR ORGANIZATIONS AND TO PROGRAMME FORMATS WHICH ARE NOT RELEVANT TO OUR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES. SUCH TRAINING IS SELF-PERPETUATING, SINCE PERSONS SO TRAINED, WHEN IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY TEND TO SEND THEIR YOUNG COLLEAGUES FOR SIMILAR TRAINING. THIS IS A ACTIVE DETERRENT TO SELF-RELIANCE. THIS ONE-WAY FLOW OF TRAINING...NEEDS TO BE RIGOROUSLY CURBED";
--NIGERIAN- "NIGERIA IS AT THIS MOMENT PREPARED TO ACCEPT PROGRAMMES AND ASSISTANCE OFFERED BY ALL COUNTRIES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT";
--GUINEAN- "INFORMATION IS NOT A WEAPON OF THE ELITE BUT AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PEOPLE AND THE REVOLUTION";
--PANAMANIAN - HAVING THANKED "THE LATIN AMERICAN AND NONALIGNED COUNTRIES FOR THE SUPPORT THEY EXTENDED TO PANAMA IN ITS STRUGGLE FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF ALL ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHTS, (LATER SAID).. I WOULD CITE AS AN EXAMPLE OF (OUR RADIO AND TV) DEVELOPMENT THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE PLEBISCITE ON THE

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PANAMA CANAL, WHEN RADIO AND TELEVISION, THROUGH THEIR DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION, ACCOMPLISHED A VERY IMPORTANT TASK";
--LYBYAN- "WE PROPOSE THAT THERE BE FOUNDED A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE TRAINING OF CADRES IN THE FIELD OF BROADCASTING AND THAT THE HOST OF THAT INSTITUTE BE YUGOSLAVIA, SINCE IT IS DISPOSED OF THE HIGHEST TECHNICAL

AND CADRE POTENTIAL"; (LIBYANS ALSO PROPOSED ANDHAD ADOPTED A RESOLTION BY WHICH TITO'S MESSAGE OF THE CONFEREES BECAME AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE MEETING); --CUBAN- "CUBAN RADIO AND TELEVISION IS ALREADY PREPARING ITSELF FOR THE SIXTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES...THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CAN COUNT ON OUR ASSISTANCE (PRESUMABLY ALSO IN THE FIELD OF BROADCASTING;); --PLO - "OWING TO THE ASSISTANCE OF OUR FRIENDS EGYPT AND ALGERIA, WE POSSESS RADIO STATIONS THROUGH WHICH WE VERY EFFECTIVELY INFORM THE WORLD ABOUT OUR JUST GOALS. WE HAVE, AS IS LOGICAL IN OUR SITUATION, HIDDEN RADIO STATIONS"; (PALESTANIAN LITERALLY HEAPED PRAISE ON TITO FOR HIS "GREAT UNDERSTANDING AND LONG SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE";) --ALGERIAN- "OUR BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS ARE COMPLETELY 'ALGERIANIZED'..OUR CADRES ARE SCHOoled IN (ALGERIAN) INSTITUTIONS WHICH ARE OPEN TO OUR FRIENDS AS WELL"; (BUT DELEGATES PRESENT REPORTED THAT ALGERIA ALSO STRONGLY BACKED IN ITS PLENARY SPEECH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NONALIGNED BROADCASTING CADRE TRAINING INSTITUTE IN YUGOSLAVIA); --EGYPTIAN- "WE PRODUCE OUR PROGRAMS IN FORTY-THREE LANGUAGES INTENDED FOR THE PEOPLES OF ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA. WE ARE SENDING MORE THAN EIGHTY THOUSAND 'MESSAGES' A MONTH TO ALL AREAS OF THE WORLD...IN COOPERATION WITH THE ARAB LAGUE, WE ARE HELPING TO TRAIN CADRES FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES"; -- GHANAIAN - "WE ARE TRAINING CADRES, NOT ONLY FOR OUR OWN NEEDS, BUT FOR THE NEEDS OF OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES. WE HAVE GOOD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COOPERATION WITH AFRICAN AND OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES SUCH AS YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA AND HUNGARY"; -- AFRICAN NATIONAL CONCIL - "AS MEMBERS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND I SEPAK IN THE NAME OF ALL WHO ARE STRUGGLING FOR THEIR FREEDOM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WE CAME TO THIS CONFERENCE TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THE GOALS OF THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT. WE WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR OUR TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING STATIONS; (WE WOULD LIKE) THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES TO ASSIST US IN THE TRAINING OF CADRES AND TO SPEAK AND WRITE MORE ABOUT OUR STRUGGLE"; -- ITU - "THE CONFERENCE FOR PLANNING RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE HELD IN 1979. BEFORE ITS BEGINNING THE ITA WILL HOLD SEMINARS IN THREE LANGUAGES IN ORDER THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES WILL BE ABLE ACTIVELY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THIS ASSEMBLY"; -- YUGOSLAV - "WE ALL KNOW THAT UNDER THE GUISE OF THE FREE CIRCULATION OF INFORMATION THROUGH THE LARGE SYSTEMS THE TRUTH ABOUT US IS REALLY MUTED, WITHHELD AT THE EXPENSE OF 'UNIFORMIZING' BLOC AND HEGEMONISTIC PROPAGANDA AND SCULPTURES OF THE HIGHLY DEVELOPED CONSUMER SOCIETIES....THE BASIC STAMP HAS BEEN PLACED UPON OUR TIMES BY THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ALL FORMS OF DOMINATION, BLOC DIVISIONS AND INTRUSIONS AND

THE STRUGGLE FOR FULL NATIONAL EMANIPICATION AND THE AFFIRMATION OF THE SPECIFICITY OF EVERY PEOPLE....
....THE ACTION PROGRAM OF THIS CONFERENCE MUST BE PRACTICAL AND RELATIVELY REALIZABLE....WE STRESS THAT AGREEMENT ON A JOINT STAND ON THE QUESTION OF FREQUENCIES IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. THE FREQUENCY SPECTRUM, ESPECIALLY CERTAIN OF ITS AREAS, CONSTITUTES A LIMITED NATURAL RESOURCE. (OUR) INHERITED POSITION IN THE USE OF THE FREQUENCY SPECTRUM, WHICH IS A RESULT OF THE INEQUITABLE SITUATION IN THE PAST, MUST BE ELIMINATED. THE ADVANCEMENT OF OUR PROGRAM EXCHANGE ON THE BASIS OF THE IDEAS CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSALS IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE.... ENABLES US TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS FOR PRACTICALLY BEGINNING THE PROCESS OF CHECKING THE MONOPOLY OF THE GREAT SYSTEMS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ELIMINATING THE STEREOTYPED PICTURE OF THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES BASED ON PROPAGANDISTIC DISTORTIONS, SUPPRESSIONS AND THE PRESENTATION OF SENSATIONAL, EXOTIC AND EPHEMERAL SUBJECT MATTER. SUPPORT FOR SUCH COOPERATION IN NO SITUATION MEANS BLOCKAGE OF (REPORTING) THE TRUE AND PROGRESSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ANY COUNTRY OR PEOPLE....YUGOSLAV RADIO AND TV EXPRESSES ITS READINESS ITSELF AND IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER YUGOSLAV INSTITUTIONS TO INSURE A CERTAIN ANNUAL NUMBER OF STIPENDS TO OUR RELEVANT HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, TO INSURE THAT GRANTEES RECEIVE VOCATION PRACTICE IN OUR RTV CENTERS, TO INSURE CONDITIONS FOR THE SPECIALIZATION OF A CERTAIN NUMBER OF AVERAGE AND HIGHLY TRAINED CADRES, TO FORM GROUPS OF EXPERTS, DEPENDING ON THE EXPRESSED INTEREST OF INDIVIDUAL NONALIGNED COUNTRIES AND OUR OWN POSSIBILITIES, WHO COULD PARTICIPATE IN SEMINARS, COURSES AND OTHER FORMS OF CADRE TRAINING."

7. THE RHETORICAL LEVEL OF THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATE'S PRESENTATION WAS CONSISTENT WITH THAT EVIDENCED IN A HOST OF ARTICLES, INTERVIEWS, ETC. FEATURED IN THE YUGOSLAV PRESS FOR WEEKS LEADING UP TO THE CONFERENCE. (SOME OF SUCH ARTICLES HAD CRITICIZED U.S. INFORMATION "MONOPOLY" BY NAME.) BUT YUGOSLAV'S REMARKS WERE UNDERSTANDABLY CARRIED IN PRESS AT GREATER LENGTH THAN THOS OF OTHER DELEGATES. VARIOUS PARTICIPANTS TOLD EMBOFF THAT UNPUBLISHED REMARKS OF MANY DELEGATES INCLUDED FAIRLY STRIDENT DENUNCIATIONS OF WESTERN "MONOPOLISM", "COLONIALISM", ETC. IN THE FIELD OF BROADCASTING, BUT THAT NO WESTERN COUNTRIES WERE IDENTIFIED BY NAME NOR DID SUCH RHETORIC AT ANY POINT COME TO DOMINATE THE PLENARY SPEECHES. THE ONLY CRITICISM OF THE U.S. BY NAME, TO WHICH ANY OF THE PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS WITH WHO EMBOFF SPOKE PROFESSED KNOWLEDGE, WAS BY THE CHIEF OF THE NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION, WHO CONDEMED THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF U.S. TROOPS IN THE SOUTH AS AN OBSTACLE PREVENTING THE "PEACEFUL AND DEMOCRATIC" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REUNIFICATION OF KOREA.

8. AGAIN, ACCORDING TO EVERYONE WITH WHOM EMBOFF SPOKE, THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT VERBAL FLARE UP AT ANY POINT IN THE CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE DURING THE INITIAL PLENARY SESSION. YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT APPARENTLY CALLED THE NAME OF A SOMALI DELEGATE TO SPEAK WHO WAS NOT IN THE CONFERENCE HALL AT THE TIME. ANOTHER SOMALI DECIDED TO SPEAK IN HIS STEAD AND LAUNCHED INTO A TIRADE AGAINST THE ETHIOPIANS, WHEREUPON THE DELEGATIONS OF BOTH ETHIOPIA AND KENYA STALKED OUT OF THE HALL. THE YUGOSLAVS THEREAFTER INSTITUTED A FAST PROCEDURAL RULE THAT ONLY THOSE INDIVIDUALS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK COULD DO SO. THE YUGOSLAVS, HARDLY WITHOUT PREJUDICE IN THE ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI DISPUTE IN THE OGADEN, DESCRIBED THE ETHIOPIAN DELEGATE'S EVENTUAL RESPONSE TO THE SOMALIS AS A "STATEMANLIKE" REBUTTAL. OTHER PARTICIPANTS TERMED IT A RESPONSE IN KIND IF NOT QUITE TONE.

9. TWO OTHER ASPECTS OF PLENARY DEBATE ARE NOTEWORTHY, BOTH POINTED OUT BY BRAZILIAN "OBSERVER" DELEGATE. THE FIRST IS THAT A GOOD NUMBER OF THE FORTY-TWO SPEECHES DELIVERED WERE LARGELY EXTEMPORANEOUS AND BY PERSONS WHO WERE ESSENTIALLY TECHNOCRATS OR TECHNICIANS. THIS MAY EXPLAIN WHY MANY GAVE SHORT SHIFT TO POLEMICS AND TENDED TOWARD PRACTICAL, TECHNICAL MATTERS. BRAZILIAN SAID THAT OTHER REASONS FOR THIS TENDENCY, HOWEVER, WERE THE VERY WELL RECEIVED AND TIMELY SPEECHES OF THE UNESCO AND ITU REPRESENTATIVES, WHO, THROUGH BRIEFLY EDUCATING SOME OF THE DELEGATES, SEEMINGLY IGNORANT OF PAST INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF BROADCASTING, HELPED TO STEER THE CONFERENCE AWAY FROM POLITICS AND POLEMICS TOWARD MORE TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

10. FOLLOWING THE PLENARY SESSION, THE DELEGATES BROKE UP INTO COMMISSIONS TO STUDY, AMMEND AND REPORT OUT THE THREE DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY THE WORKING GROUP. (DOCUMENTS REPORTED OUT BY COMMISSIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONFEREES WITHOUT CHANGE.) EVERY "PARTICIPANT AND "OBSERVER" DELEGATION WAS ALLOWED TO BE REPRESENTED IN

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EACH COMMISSION. "GUEST" DELEGATES WERE EXCLUDED. HOWEVER, SINCE MANY OF THE DELEGATIONS WERE COMPRISED OF ONLY ONE OR TWO INDIVIDUALS, THE ACTUAL BREAKDOWN FOR REPRESENTATION IN THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS WAS AS FOLLOWS:
-- COMMISSION ONE - "DECLARATION" - VIETNAM AND GUYANA
PRESIDING -35 DELEGATIONS "PARTICIPATED";

--COMMISSION TWO- "ACTION PROGRAMME" -ALGERIA AND SRI LANKA
PRESIDING -34 DELEGATIONS; AND
--COMMISSION THREE - "DECISIONS ON COORDINATIO OF COOPERATION"
-GHANA AND PLO PRESIDING -37 DELEGATIONS.
DESPITE IDEOLOGICAL STRIPE OF SEVERAL COMMISSION CHAIRMEN OR VICE-
CHAIRMEN, THEIR POSITIONS WERE REPORTEDLY MORE "SYMBOLIC" THAN
SUBSTANTIVE AND (ACCORDING TO PARTICIPANTS WITH WHOM EMBOFF SPOKE)
DOCUMENTS WHICH EMERGED FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS WERE
ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FROM THOSE SUBMITTED TO THEM BY PREPARATORY
WORKING GROUP. INDICATIONS ARE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS A BIT OF
CONTENTION OVER VARIOUS ISSUES DISCUSSED IN COMMISSION SESSIONS AND
THAT PRINCIPLE OF LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR PREVAILED IN FINAL
DRAFTING. HIGHLIGHTED TO EMBOFF WERE THE FOLLOWING:

--INDONESIAN DELEGATE DESCRIBED WORK OF COMMISSION ONE
LARGELY AS YUGOSLAV AND INDIAN DELEGATES' ATTEMPTING TO
"MODERATE", IF NOT DEFLECT, THE ATTEMPTS OF MORE "POLITICAL"
PARTICIPANTS TO INJECT INTO THE "DECLARATION" LENGTHY
EXPOSITIONS OF THEIR VIEW ON PARTICULAR REGIONAL ISSUES;
(TWO HE CITED IN THIS REGARD WERE NORTH KOREANS, WHO WANTED
NEARLY ENTIRE TEXT OF KIM IL SUNG'S LATEST REUNIFICATION PROPOSALS
INSERTED, AND VARIOUS ARAB STATES, SOME OF WHOM WANTED
SPECIFIC MENTION OF PORTION OF EACH COUNTRY'S TERRITORY
OCCUPIED BY ISRAELIS); FINAL TEXT ON MID-EAST INCLUDED ONLY
"EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE STRUGGLE OF THE ARAB
PEOPLE OF PALESTINE, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PLO, TO
REASSERT ITS INALIENABLE NATIONAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THAT OF
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ESTABLISHING THEIR INDEPENDENT STATE.... AND WITH THE STRUGGLE
OF THE ARAB STATES TO LIBERATE THEIR TERRITORIES OCCUPIED
BY ISRAELI AGRESSION IN 1967";
-- INDONESIAN SAID INDIAN DELEGATE HAD PLAYED "MODERATING" ROLE
FOR EXAMPLE, IN GAINING ADOPTION OF TEXT ON VIETNAM LESS
POLEMICAL THAN WHAT VIETNAMESE WERE PUSHING; TEXT ON VIETNAM
WAS, ASIDE FROM MID-EAST STATEMENT AND GNERAL SUPPORT
EXPRESSED FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION STRUGGLES,
REUNIFICATION OF KOREA AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS,
ONLY OTHER STRAIGHT POLITICAL PORTION OF "DECLARATION".
IT READ, "CONFERENCE STRESSED THE NEED FOR CONTINUING SUPPORT
THROUGH THE BROADCASTING MEDIA OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE
COLOMBO SUMMIT ON ISSUES SUCH AS URGENT INTERNATIONAL
ASSISANCE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF VIETNAM";

--MAJOR EFFORT WAS MOUNTED BY JORDANIAN DELEGATE IN COMMISSION
TWO TO SECURE IMMEDIATE AGREEMENT ON ESTABLISHING OF
REGIONAL RADIO AND TV PROGRAM EXCHANGE CENTERS, (WITH JORDAN
OBVIOUSLY HOPING TO BE SITE OF MID-EASTERN CENTER); MOST
DELEGATES REPORTEDLY FELT PROJECT HAD NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY
ANALYZED; THERE MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN CONTENTION OVER PLACEMENT
OF SUCH CENTERS; INITIATIVE WAS REFERRED TO NEWLY-FORMED

COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATION FOR STUDY AIMED AT EVENTUAL
IMPLEMENTATION;

--ANC, SWAPO AND PATRIOTIC FRONT REPRESENTATIVES IN COMMISSION
TWO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN SECURING "ON THE SPOT" AGREEMENT
BY NAME BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY
THEIR SUPPLIES TO THEM OF RADIO AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT; AUSTRIAN "GUEST" DELEGATE SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT
YUGOSLAVS LATER PROMISED TO PROVIDE SOME OF WHAT SOUTHERN
AFRICAN GROUPS WANTED ON A BILATERAL BASIS; LATTER WOULD BE
CONSISTENT WITH YUGOSLAVS' ADMISSION TO US THAT THEY ARE
ALREADY SUPPLYING COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO SWAPO AND
PATRIOTIC FRONT;

--THOUGH NONE SAID SO TO EMBOFF, YUGOSLAVS MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN
REBUFFED IN COMMISSION TWO IN WHAT, FROM PRE-CONFERENCE
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PRESS REPORTS, APPEARED THEIR DESIRE TO HAVE ESTABLISHED
IN YUGOSLAVIA A NONALIGNED INSTITUTE FOR THE TRAINING OF
BROADCASTING CADRES; INDIANS WOULD LIKELY HAVE OPPOSED
YUGOSLAVS ON THIS; IN ANY EVENT MOST PARTICIPANTS WERE SAID
TO HAVE CONSIDERED FOUNDING OF SUCH AN INSTITUTE
A LONG WAY OFF AND THOUGHT THAT FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE
EFFORTS IN THIS AREA WOULD BE FOCUSED ON BEEFING UP
EXISTING REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS (SUCH AS THAT
REPORTEDLY RUN BY ARAB LEAGUE) AND EXTENDING OF MORE
SCHOLARSHIPS TO TECHNICIANS FROM LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
TO ATTEND EXISTING NATIONAL INSTITUTES IN NONALIGNED COUNTRIES;
--COMMISSION THREE MAY WELL HAVE BEEN THE SCENE OF COMPETITION
BETWEEN YUGOSLAVS AND INDIANS FOR THE ESTABLISHING IN THEIR
RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES OF A PERMANENT BUREAU TO COORDINATE
ACTIVITIES OF THE NONALIGNED IN THE FIELD OF BROADCASTING;
SEVERAL DELEGATES REMARKED THAT INDIANS, AS PURPORTEDLY
"POSSESSING MOST HIGHLY DEVELOPED BROADCASTING ORGANIZATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN ASIA", MADE STRONG EFFORT TO SECURE
SUCH A BUREAU FOR INDIA; IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER YUGOSLAVS ALSO
ACTIVELY PURSUED THE SUBJECT IN COMMISSION THREE, BUT THE
ESTABLISHING OF SUCH A PERMANENT BUREAU IN YUGOSLAVIA WAS
ANOTHER POSSIBILITY THAT YUGOSLAV PRE-CONFERENCE PRESS REPORTS
HINTED MIGHT EMERGE FROM THE MEETING; EMBOFF WAS TOLD, HOWEVER,
THAT ALGERIANS AND LIBYANS MADE A STRONG PITCH (IN COMMISSIONS
AS WELL AS PLENARY SESSION) FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO BE SITE OF SUCH
A BUREAU;

-- WHAT DID EMERGE FROM COMMISSION THREE WAS THE FORMATION OF
19-MEMBER "COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATION", OF WHICH THE FOLLOWING
WERE CHOSEN AS INITIAL MEMBERS

-AFRICA (9)-ALGERIA, GUINEA, KENYA, NIGERIA, TANZANIA,
TOGO, TUNISIA, ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA;
-ASIA (6)- AFGHANISTAN, INDIA, IRAQ, JORDAN, D.P.R.K. AND
MALAYSIA;

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-LATIN AMERICA (3)-CUBA, PANAMA AND PERU;
-EUROPE- YUGOSLAVIA (WHICH WAS SELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE UNTIL THE NEXT CONVENING OF THE FULL CONFERENCE, IN SIERRA LEONE IN 1979.)
NOTABLE COMPETITION FOR SPECIFIC SEATS ON THE NEW COMMITTEE OCCURRED BETWEEN SYRIA AND IRAQ AND BETWEEN LIBYA AND ALGERIA, WITH FAIRLY STRONG DISAGREEMENT ON THE LATTER (ACCORDING TO NEIGERIAN DELEGATE) PUSHING FINAL SESSION OF COMMISSION THREE WELL INTO THE EVENING OF COCTOBER 29. FIRST MEETING OF "COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATION" WAS FORMALLY CONVENED IN SARAJEVO WITHIN HOURS OF CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE AND EVEN THAT RAN WELL BEYOND ITS ALLOTTED TIME AS PARTICIPANTS REPORTEDLY SOUGHT TO CONTINUE DEBATE ON SPECIFIC INITIATIVES, I.E., REGIONAL PROGRAM EXCHANGE CENTERS, LEFT UNRESOLVED BY THE CONFERENCE. (MODUS OPERANDI OF NEW COMMITTEE IS DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT THREE.)

11. THE COMINANT ACTORS. SEVERAL DELEGATES WITH WHOM EMBOFF SPOKE CITED INDIANS, "THE ARABS", SPECIFICALLY ALGERIANS AND JORDANIANS, AND, TO SOME EXTENT, THE CUBANS AS HAVING BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE. ALL, HOWEVER, MENTIONED EXTENT TO WHICH YUGOSLAVS DOMINATED THE MEETING, MORE SO, EVEN, THAN HOSTS OF NONALIGNED ASSEMBLIES TYPICALLY DO.

12. THE YUGOSLAV HOSTS. YUGOSLAV RTV, HOST ORGANIZATION, COULD HARDLY HAVE DONE MORE TO ACCOMMODATE DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE. AUSTRIAN ESTIMATED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT YUGOSLAVS COVERED ENTIRE OR NEARLY ENTIRE COST OF PARTICIPATION, INCLUDING AIR FARES, HOTEL BILLS, MEALS, AND EVEN \$20 PERSON PER DAY "SPENDING MONEY" (SOME RECEIVED AND ADDITIONAL "CLOTHING ALLOWANCE"), FOR UP TO 40 PERCENT OF THE DELGATIONS, MOST OF WHICH WOULD CLEARLY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ATTEND WITHOUT SUCH ASSISTANCE. ALL DELEGATIONS, AT A MINIMUM, HAD THEIR HOTEL EXPENSES AND MOST MEALS PAID FOR, A CAR AND CHAUFFEUR PROVIDED GRATIS FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR STAY, AS WELL AS A WIDE RANGE OF FREE MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES. IN ADDITION, EACH DELEGATION HAD ASSIGNED TO IT A

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BI-OR TRI-LINGUAL YUGOSLAV "HOST", WHO ACCCOMPANIED THE DELEGATION THROUGHOUT ITS STAY AND WHO HAD INSTRUCTIONS, OR SO IT APPEARED, TO CATER VIRTUALLY TO THEIR EVERY WANT. IT WAS EVIDENT IN SEVERAL CASES THAT YUGOSLAV "HOSTS" WERE FAIRLY CLOSE OBSERVERS OF THEIR ASSIGNED DELEGATIONS'S MOVEMENTS AND COMMENTS ON THE CONFERENCE. THE AUSTRIAN SAID HE HAD LEARNED THAT YUGOSLAV RTV HAD SPEND APPROXIMATELY \$625 THOUSAND ON THE

CONFERENCE ITSELF, I.E., NOT INCLUDING THE COST OF THE AFOREMENTIONED "ASSISTANCE" TO THE DELEGATES OR THE COST OF THE EXTENSIVE AND CRASH FACE LIFTING GIVEN TO THE CONFERENCE AREA IN SARAJEVO ON THE EVE OF THE MEETING. YUGOSLAVS WERE CLEARLY AIMING, HOWEVER, TO PROVIDE FOR MORE THAN THE PHYSICAL COMFORT OF THE DELEGATES. HOUSED IN THE "EXHIBITION PAVILION" OF MODERNISTIC FACILITY WHERE CONFERENCE WAS HELD WAS "A SPECIAL EXHIBITION...OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION OF THE YUGOSLAV ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY", AT WHICH 15 YUGOSLAV FIRMS AND ORGANIZATIONS "EXHIBITED" (SOME DELEGATES QUITE ACTIVELY SOLD)..." MEDIUM-WAVE AND UKV FM LOW VOLT TRANSMITTERS, TV REPEATERS AND ANTENNA SYSTEMS FOR VHF AND UHF REGIONS, TV MONITORS, TELE-PRINGERS, TV-C/B CLOSED CIRCUIT WIRING SYSTEMS, CABLES AND CONNECTIONS, RADIO AND TELEVISION RECEIVERS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT." "EXHIBITORS" WERE REPORTED AT TIMES TO HAVE BEEN DOING A FAIRLY BRISK BUSINESS. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS AND VARIOUS DELEGATES, YUGOSLAVS ALSO "MADE AVAILABLE" TO THE PARTICIPANTS A GOODLY NUMBER OF "DOCUMENTS, BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS ABOUT OUR COUNTRY AND OUR SELF-MANAGING SYSTEM, IN THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE CONFERENCE". INTERESTED DELEGATIONS WERE ALSO "AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY" TO VISIT ONE OR MORE "BASIC ORGANIZATIONS OF ASSOCIATED LABOR" FOR A LOOK AT THE YUGOSLAV SYSTEM CLOSE-UP. COINCIDENTAL WITH THE OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE THERE WAS UNVEILED IN ANOTHER PART OF THE SAME FACILITY A HIGHLY PUBLICIZED EXHIBIT OF "TITO IN PHOTOGRAPHS" THROUGH WHICH LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF YOUNGSTERS WERE PARADED

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DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONFERENCE, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE AIR OF FESTIVITY AND EXCITEMENT YUGOSLAVS CLEARLY DESIRED FOR THE CONFERENCE ITSELF. WHILE INTERESTED DELEGATIONS WERE REPORTEDLY INVITED TO DISPLAY OR DISTRIBUTE DESCRIPTIONS OF VIDEO TAPE RECORDINGS AND FILMS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO OTHER NON-ALIGNED BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS (AND A FEW DID), YUGOSLAVIA ITSELF PRODUCED A QUARTER-INCH THICK CATALOGUE IN THREE LANGUAGES, NOT A FEW OF THE PROGRAMS IN WHICH WERE OF OBVIOUS POLITICAL CONTENT. TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE, THE CONFERENCE WAS A YUGOSLAV-DIRECTED AFFAIR, CAREFULLY PLANNED AND ALMOST FLAWLESSLY EXECUTED PROCEDURALLY. SUBSTANTIALLY, THROUGH EVERYTHING FROM ITS PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN THE ORIGINAL DRAFTING OF THE DOCUMENTS TO ITS Pervasively, IF SUBTLY, CONTROLLING THE COURSE OF THE CONFERENCE ITSELF, YUGOSLAVS SEEMED TO HAVE OBTAINED MOST OF WHAT THEY HAD HOPED FOR, BOTH IN TERMS OF NONALIGNED GOALS, AND THEIR OWN, PERHAPS MORE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONCERNs.

13. (NOTE: ACCESS TO THE DELEGATES WAS RATHER DIFFICULT EVEN FOR CORRESPONDENTS, AND EXTREMELY SO FOR THOSE, SUCH AS EMBOFF, WHO LACKED ANY CREDENTIALS. NO PART OF THE CONFERENCE FACILITY, INCLUDING THE PRESS CENTER, WAS ACCESSIBLE WITHOUT CREDENTIALS NOR WAS THE VERY TIGHTLY GUARDED HOTEL WHICH HOUSED MOST OF THE

DELEGATES, ALTHOUGH EMBOFF WAS EVENTUALLY PERMITTED TO ENTER LATTER FOR PRE-ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS WITH DELEGATES. TO THE MORNING, AFTERNOON AND, ON TWO DAYS, EVENING SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE, YUGOSLAVS ADDED A FULL ROUND OF DINNERS, RECEPTIONS AND TOURS, WHICH, WERE THE DELEGATES SO INCLINED, COULD HAVE OCCUPIED THEIR EVERY WAKING MINUTE IN SARAJEVO.)

14. A WORD TO THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. MUSTAPHA MASMOUDI, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INFORMATION OF TUNISIA, WHICH IS COORDINATOR OF NONALIGNED INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL ON INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA, SPOKE AS DIRECTLY (AND ELOQUENTLY) AS ANYONE TO THE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS AND BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS DURING POST-MEETING PRESS CONFERENCE. THEREIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE SAID, IN PART,
"...OUR EFFORTS ARE NOT DESIGNED TO PROVOKE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN RICH AND POOR....THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CONCEIVED OF TO STIFLE THE FLOW OF INFORMATION, BUT TO ASSIST THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES...WE DO NOT SEEK TO DIMINISH FREEDOM OF SPEECH, AS SOME WOULD LIKE TO MAKE OUR EFFORTS APPEAR...WE HOPE THE RESULTS OF THIS CONFERENCE WILL NOT BE VIEWED BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS WAS THE PRESS POOL, THAT THEY WILL NOT VIEWED IN A HOSTILE SPIRIT...PRESSURES (ON THE NONALIGNED FROM THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES) OCCUR FOR SEVERAL REASONS: THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES LACK UNDERSTANDING; THEY LACK SUFFICIENT INFORMATION; AND THEY FEAR COMPETITION--THEY WISH TO PROTECT THEIR MONOPOLIES...EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO EXPLAIN (OUR UNDERTAKING) TO THEM, AND WE BELIEVE THEY HAVE HAD SOME IMPACT..WE HOPE THAT THE COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATION WILL NOT ENCOUNTER THE SAME DIFFICULTIES AS DID THE POOL...OUR EFFORTS ARE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANYONE. THEY ARE DIRECTED TOWARD BETTER UNDERSTANDING, NOT JUST AMONG THE NONALIGNED, BUT BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES...WE WANT (THE) ASSISTANCE (OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES), NOT THEIR DISTRUST."

15. EMBOFF CONTACTS. WHAT APPEARS TO BE A NEARLY COMPLETE LIST OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS, ISSUED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE MEETING, IS INCLUDED WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT. (REPRESENTED WERE 56 "PARTICIPANT" DELEGATIONS, 6 "OBSERVER" 4 "GUEST" AND 3 INTERNATIONAL ORGS.) AS REQUESTED, FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE EITHER "ESPECIALLY CORDIAL OR HELPFUL":
-FINNISH "GUEST" DELEGATE JOUNI MYKKANEN, DIRECTOR OF RADIO PROGRAM I, HELSINKI;
-MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH, CHIEF ENGINEER OF RADIO BANGLADESH;
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-MARTIN MANUHUTU, MEMBER OF INDONESIAN DELEGATION AS WELL AS ATTACHE FOR INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, INDONESIAN EMBASSY, BELGRADE;
-CARLO ALFREDO PINTO DA SILVA, BRAZILIAN "OBSERVER" DELEGATE, TDY, BRAZILIAN EMBASSY, BELGRADE; AND
-GUSTAV CHALUPA, "GUEST" DELEGATE REPRESENTING AUSTRIAN RTV, BELGRADE.

16 OCCASION DID NOT ARISE, Owing largely to difficulty of access noted above, for Emboff more than tangentially to articulate U.S. policy toward nonaligned efforts in field of broadcasting per ref A. Septel follows on communication of U.S. views on this subject by PAO to Yugoslav Federal Committee for Information. Eagleburger unquote Vance

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